

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PATHWAY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



Any concern for sexual abuse or assault

- Unexplained anogenital bleeding, discharge, or injury
- Concern from caregiver
- Disclosure from child

*For any assistance or questions, Project Harmony (PH) is available at 402-595-1326

Stabilize patient medically

Contact Social Work (SW)
Contact Law Enforcement (LE) & Child Protective Services (CPS) if indicated

What is patient's gender and sexual development?

**MALE/PREMENARCHAL
FEMALE**

**MENARCHAL
FEMALE**

When was the patient last in contact with perpetrator?

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< 72 hours

> 72 hours

> 120 hours

< 120 hours

- Inform LE that a rape kit may be needed at Project Harmony
- Inform Project Harmony for follow-up and advocacy

ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues

Transfer to Project Harmony as directed by LE

No genital exam is necessary unless patient has bleeding, discharge and/or pain
For Menarchal female, obtain pregnancy testing; For Menarchal females and males, obtain urine STI and consider serum testing after discussion with patient and/or caregiver
Project Harmony is available for questions but contact is not necessary

SW will obtain a release from family for Project Harmony

Discharge patient per LE

- Inform LE that a rape kit may be warranted at Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony
- Inform Project Harmony for follow-up and advocacy

ED Provider will perform a medical screening exam and ensure there are no acute issues

Transfer patient to Methodist Hospital or Project Harmony as directed by LE

- If at any time, medical staff is concerned that law enforcement does not understand the need for forensic exam, Project Harmony is available for assistance
- Project Harmony phone number is 402-595-1326



Disclaimer: Pathways are intended as a guide for practitioners and do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment nor serve as a standard of medical care. These pathways should be adapted by medical providers, when indicated, based on their professional judgement and taking into account individual patient and family circumstances.

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Essential Responsibilities of 1st provider:

- CPS, LE, and SW referrals
 - CPS referral information is detailed in [Abuse, Information to be Reported to Child Protective Services Procedure, PC02](#) policy
 - In ED, Utilize [Assessing for and Reporting of Child Abuse/Neglect Sexual Assault, ED-C20](#)
 - In UC, Utilize the [Child Abuse/Neglect, URG049](#) policy
 - In CP, utilize the [Abuse, Assessment and Documentation, PC 01](#) policy
 - Social work to follow the [Child Abuse/Neglect, 617-007](#) policy
- Explain the process to the patient and caregivers of upcoming steps

Human Trafficking Concerns

NE Human Tracking Taskforce Tip Line: 833-PLS-LOOK (833-757-5665)

- Nebraska specific tips for human tracking reporting and other questions
- National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888